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SUBJECT: SOUTH YEMEN

SUMMARY: PDRY FONMIN REITERATES HELPLESSNESS OF SOUTH YEMEN TO CHANGE RADICAL POLICIES IN VIEW ITS HEAVY DEPENDENCE ON COMMUNIST STATES FOR AID. HE IS PARTICULARLY BITTER ABOUT ALLEGED SAUDI MANIPULATION OF TRIBES IN SOUTHWEST ARABIA THROUGH MONEY. KUWAITI FONMIN CONTINUES PROFESS BELIEVE GOK AID TO SOUTH YEMEN CAN BE USED AS LEVER TO MODIFY PDRY REVOLUTIONARY POLICIES. HE AWARE HOWEVER OF PROBLEMS THIS IDEA POSES FOR CONTIMUED GOOD SAUDI-KUWAIT RELATIONS. END SUMMARY.

1. DURING TALK WITH FONMIN SABAH I ASKED HIM WHETHER ANYTHING NEW HAD COME OUT OF CHATS SABAH HAD IN KUWAIT WITH PDRY FONMIN YAFAI WHEN LATTER WAS EN ROUTE TO AND FROM BAGHDAD IN CONNECTION IRAQI MID-JULY FESTIVITIES. SABAH REPLIED THEY HAD REVIEWED POSSIBILITIES FOR KUWAITI MEDIATION OR GOOD OFFICES TO HELP END DHOFAR WAR

AND SABAH HAD REITERATED HIS WILLINGNESS MEET WITH DHOFARI REBEL LEADERS TO EXPLORE THEIR AIMS AND CONDITIONS FOR LAYING DOWN ARMS.

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2. SABAH SAID THE TWO FONMINS AGAIN DISCUSSED SOUTH YEMENI NEEDS, WITH YAFAI MAKING FAMILIAR ARGUMENT THAT PDRY HAD NO CHOICE BUT TO ACCEPT COMMUNIST AID. SOUTH YEMENIS WELL AWARE OF ATTENDANT DANGERS OF SUCH AID, AND TO ILLUSTRATE, YAFAI TOLD SABAH OF TAKING KUWAITI FONMINISTRY CHIEF OF PENINSULA AFFAIRS SAQQAF ON RECENT TOUR OF SOUTH YEMENI SCHOOLS WHERE COMMUNIST TRACTS AND POSTERS PROMINENTLY DISPLAYED IN CLASSROOMS. UNDESIRABLE AS IT MIGHT BE, YAFAI HAD ASSERTED, COMMUNIST INDOCTRINATION WAS PART OF QUID PRO QUO COMMUNISTS EXTRACTING FOR ASSISTANCE PROVIDED.

3. SABAH SAID PDRY FONMIN SPOKE WITH EXTREME BITTERNESS ABOUT SAUDIS, ALLEGING THAT PDRY DID NOT ATTACK WADIA ITSELF AT ALL BUT SAUDI MOTOR COLUMN THAT HAD PENETRATED WELL TO SOUTH WITHIN PDRY TERRITORY. HE ALSO CLAIMED YEMENI LEADER ALI OTHMAN KILLED BY NORTH NOT SOUTH YEMENIS. YAFAI ASSERTED LAVISH AND INDISCRIMINATE SAUDI PAYMENTS TO TRIBESMEN THROUGHOUT SOUTHWEST ARABIA PRIMARILY RESPONSIBLE FOR CONTINUED WAVE OF TERROR AND CHAOS IN REGION.

4. I SAID I ASSUMED SABAH TOOK MUCH OF THIS WITH LARGE GRAIN OF SALT.

APART FROM WHETHER THERE SHRED OF TRUTH IN ANY OF IT, WHAT HAD KUWAITI AID TO SOUTH YEMENIS ACCOMPLISHED EXCEPT TO STRENGTHEN PDRY AND INCITE WRATH OF SAUDIS? AND WHAT HAPPENED TO KUWAITI PRESSURE ON PDRY TO RECOGNIZE LOWER GULF GOVERNMENTS? AND TO IDEA OF VISIT BY PDRY PRIMMIN TO KUWAIT?

5. SABAH SAID GIK REMAINED OF OPINION THAT KUWAITI HUMANITARIAN AID TO SOUTH YEMEN CONSTITUTED PDRY'S ONLY ALTERNATIVE TO COMPLETE DEPENDENCE ON COMMUNISTS AND PROVIDE KUWAIT WITH SOME LEVERAGE ON REGIME IN ADEN. IDEA OF PDRY RECOGNITION OF LOWER GULF STATES WAS STILL ON RAILS. GOK STILL PLANNING TO INVITE PDRY PRIMIN TO KUWAIT, BUT ADVANCE UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN TWO STATES REGARDING RESULTS OF VISIT WAS NECESSARY AND HAD YET TO BE WORKED OUT. I SAID I PERSONALLY AGREED THAT IN INTEREST ITS RELATIONS WITH SAUDIS, GOK WOULD BE WELL ADVISED HAVE ITS DUCKS VERY MUCH IN ROW BEFORE SOUTH YEMENI PRIMIN ARRIVED IN KUWAIT.

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